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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent

application. Claims 1-15 are pending; claims 7, 13 and 15 are amended; and claims 16-20 are

cancelled.

Applicants thank Examiner Stashick for the statement that claims 1-6 and 10-12 are

allowed, and that claims 7-9 and 13-15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C.

§112, Second Paragraph rejection. Applicants have rewritten these claims, and submit that these

claims 7-9 and 13-15 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that

the present application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly and

respectfully requested. If the examiner believes that it would be helpful to resolve any outstanding

issues, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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